

Cheltenham Bowling Club

Singles and Pairs Leagues 2020

We are planning to start singles and pairs bowls leagues over the remaining three months of the bowling season, commencing on Monday 6th July.

Rules and Logistics

There will be a £2.00 entry fee for each player per competition.

Singles games will be scheduled on Monday, (C League) Wednesday (B League) & Friday (A League) evenings at 6:00pm & 7:00pm. The singles competition is a no handicap competition

We are aware that some competitors may wish to play their game earlier in the day, this will be acceptable providing both parties agree and one of the parties is able to book a rink. If this is not possible, then the game must be played at the designated time.

Any re-arranged games must be notified by email to George (george.bevan1@virginmedia.com) and Nathan (southsidetiger@hotmail.com) as soon as possible

Pairs games will be scheduled on Saturday afternoons at between 1:00 and 5:00pm. The pairs will be a handicap competition, the difference between the combined handicaps will be halved. With each half allocated to each set. There will be no handicap if there is a tie-break end. *(In the event of a Club Friendly match being confirmed on one of the specified days the pairs are due to be played, the pairs games will be re-arranged to another Saturday or Sunday).*

Fixture lists for both competitions will be distributed shortly.

A match (**both singles and pairs**) will consist of 2 sets of 7 ends, four bowls per player. In the event of a draw (1 set each), the match tie break will be one extra end. If after 2 sets one set is won and one set is drawn, the game will be finished with no extra end to be played, with the match score 1.5 – 0.5. Points will be allocated as per the section below.

The player/pair winning the toss at the start of the game will decide whether to keep the mat or give it away on the first end of the first set. The other player/pair will then have the choice on the first end of the second set. If a third set (one extra end) is required, a coin toss will take place again where the winner will have the choice of keeping the mat or giving it away for this end.

Two trial ends (4 bowls in each direction) will be allowed prior to the start of each match.

To ensure games are completed in a timely fashion, individual sets should be conceded where it is mathematically impossible for the leading player to be caught within the remainder of the ends. e.g. if the score in a singles game is 9-0 after 5 ends of the first set, the trailing player cannot catch the leading player and so you should move on to the second set.

Players should not visit the head until they have delivered their third bowl in a **singles** game. Skips may visit the head after their third bowl in **pairs**. Leads should not visit the head.

There will be no dead ends – if the jack leaves the side of the rink, it should be placed on the 2-metre mark centrally from the rink number.

Following the conclusion of the final league fixtures, the player who finishes at the top of Group B and Group C in the **singles** league will be crowned champions of their group. For Group A only, a 'finals night' containing a league semi-final and final will take place to crown a 2020 league champion.

Following the conclusion of the final league fixtures, the **pair** who finish at the top of each group will be crowned the champions of their group.

Should players finish on equal points, sets won and then shot difference will be used to distinguish final positions.

League points will be calculated as follows (extra end if required classed as a set):

Winning player/pairs points allocation

2 sets to nil win = 3 points

1.5 sets to 0.5 win = 2.5 points (this occurs when a player/pair wins one set and draws the other)

2 sets to 1 win = 2 points

Losing player/pairs points allocation

2 sets to 1 loss = 1 point

1.5 sets to 0.5 loss = 0.5 points

2 sets to nil loss = 0 points

In the **singles** competition, competitors are encouraged to arrange markers wherever possible, (this could be those players who have played prior to your game or immediately afterwards), although markers are not compulsory.

If no marker is sourced, competitors will be required to mark their own game amongst themselves and centre their own jacks.

Contact details of your league opponents will be supplied shortly for your information.

If you are unable to play on one of the scheduled dates, you should rearrange to a mutually agreeable date and time by contacting your opponent/s, where possible prior to the original date or within 10 days after. You may need to check that a rink is available on the rearranged date.

If an end cannot be agreed upon, then it will be classed as zero score to both players.

Results should be emailed to George (george.bevan1@virginmedia.com) and Nathan (southsidetiger@hotmail.com) as soon as possible following each game. Tables will be updated regularly and displayed at the club.

Health and Safety measures:

Players to conform with social distancing guidelines and all other government and club advice. Please familiarise yourself with these measures before commencement of the league.

Markers are encouraged to avoid touching jacks and equipment with their hands – if possible, jacks could be set with feet, or gloves could be worn.

Players should collect their own mats and a jack before each match.

Competitors should not touch mats or jacks allocated to the opposition player.

To help with this, it is recommended that each player has their own mat at each end of the rink, located on separate sides of the bank to help differentiate.

Players should carry their jack with them each end if it is not in use on that end. If a player wins an end, the following end should be played using 'their' mat and jack and should not be touched by the opposition.